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Greetings judicial officers and court managers and administrators:

On behalf of the Washington State Supreme Court Gender & Justice Commission, I invite you to participate in a stakeholders meeting (see attached draft agenda) addressing the courts' perspective on addressing sexual assault issues. The meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 15, 2015** and will take place at the AOC SeaTac Office, 11th Floor, Suite 1106, 18000 International Blvd, SeaTac, 98188, from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

For at least 15 years, the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has received the five-percent court set-aside for the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) STOP (Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors) formula grant. This grant has been managed by staff and overseen by the Washington State Supreme Court Gender & Justice Commission. ***STOP funds are allocated to address domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and/or stalking issues.***

In 2013, the OVW further required that a specific portion of the STOP award be designated for sexual assault issues. To ascertain the best way to use this small, but integral portion, the Commission is asking for your help by attending a court staff stakeholders meeting to assist with identifying, categorizing, and prioritizing grant activities as related to sexual assault.

We will be able to cover travel expenses for you to participate in this one-day meeting and if you are a judicial officer, AOC may be able to cover pro tem fees. Please RSVP to Nichole Kloepper at Nichole.kloepper@courts.wa.gov or by phone at (360) 705-5214 by **Friday, December 11, 2015**. Ms. Kloepper can also assist with travel and lodging arrangements. Should you have any other questions, do not hesitate to contact me directly at Pam.dittman@courts.wa.gov or (360) 704-4031.

I hope the short notice of this event will not prevent you from attending this important meeting.

Sincerely,

Pam Dittman